

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2684—DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2000

AUGUST 5 (legislative day, AUGUST 4), 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and
ordered to be printed

Ms. PRYCE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 275]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 275, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2684, the “VA/HUD Appropriations Act, 2000,” under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions or transfers of funds on a general appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule.

The rule provides that, before consideration of any other amendment, it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in this report, which may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives points of order against the amendment printed in this report for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthor-

ized or legislative provisions or transfers of funds in a general appropriations bill).

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule further allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote.

Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions or transfers of funds in a general appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill is necessary because, as indicated on pages 98–103 of the Appropriations Committee Report (H. Rept. 106–286), there are approximately 49 provisions in the bill that are legislative and approximately 24 that are not authorized by law. Unauthorized programs include: Community Development Financial Institutions, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Environmental Programs and Management (except the Clean Air Act and Safe Drinking Water Act), Hazardous Substance Superfund, NASA, and Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporations.

The waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI against the amendment printed in this report is necessary because the amendment contains legislative language.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 3(b) of House Rule XIII the results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee record vote No. 59

Date: August 4, 1999.

Measure: H.R. 2684.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: To make in order the Edwards/Stabenow/Evans amendment which increases funding for veterans health care by \$730 million and postpones the implementation of the House passed tax cut on capital gains until January 1, 2001.

Results: Defeated 5 to 2.

Vote by Members: Linder—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

Cunningham/Spence/Buyer/Moran/Ortiz—Restores the Selective Service Agency to the FY 1999 level of \$24.2 million and strikes the language terminating the agency and inserts language containing the agency. Reduces funding for FEMA food and shelter; EPA science and technology; Home investment partnerships; the Chemical Safety and Investigation Board and FEMA Emergency Management and Planning Assistance as an offset. (20 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENT MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CUNNINGHAM OF CALIFORNIA, OR REPRESENTATIVE SPENCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES

Under the heading "HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM", insert after the first dollar amount the following: "(reduced by \$1,000,000)".

Under the heading "CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD-SALARIES AND EXPENSES", insert after the dollar amount the following: "(reduced by \$1,500,000)".

Under the heading "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY", insert after the second dollar amount the following: "(reduced by \$5,000,000)".

Under the heading "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE", insert after both dollar amounts the following: "(reduced by \$5,000,000)".

Under the heading "EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM", insert after the dollar amount the following: "(reduced by \$5,000,000)".

Strike the item relating to the "SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM" and insert the following:

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Selective Service System, including expenses of attendance at meetings and of training for uniformed personnel assigned to the Selective Service System, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 4101-4118 for civilian employees; and not to exceed \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses, \$24,500,000: *Provided*, That during the current fiscal year, the President may exempt this appropriation from the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1341, whenever he deems such action to the necessary in the interest of national defense: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be expended for or in connection with induction of any person into the Armed Forces of the United States.